

## **Project Details**

1. **Title** Firefighter Safety and Training Improvement and Monitoring
2. **Organization name and address**  
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  - d. **Project location:** The National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA) is a private association of over 150 companies in sixteen states. 75% of the membership is in the Pacific NW. Our base location is 1203 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lyons, OR 97358.
4. The National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA) represents 150 private emergency response companies throughout the United States. National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approved training is provided for 12,000 private emergency responders and many agency emergency responders in the NWSA Regions by NWSA instructors.
5. Private non-profit (501c6)
6. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency.
7. Funding from this grant will provide salaries and resources for Master Instructors. These four positions will oversee the eighty certified NWSA instructors who provide DHS and NWCG training for the 12,000 NWSA member company responders, Emergency Response Agencies, and Community College Instructors who request oversight.

The mission at hand is to insure the monitoring of the eighty NWSA instructors. We are committed to improving the quality of instruction provided to NWSA responders and operative agencies responders.

It is imperative that well trained responders are competent and sure of their actions and activities in the wake of a major crisis, simple emergency, complex emergency, or major catastrophe. With the right funding, we can be certain that, with the Master Instructors monitoring the NWSA

instructors, more efficient and effective delivery of up to date “real time” instructions of NIMS based ICS training for responders and operative agencies can be given and will reduce fatalities and accidents of those who respond.

Certifications, qualifications and training records will be reviewed by the Master Instructors to assure that regional and national NWCG and FEMA standards are being met. The certifications would be recorded and available in the NWSA data base program and subject to constant review.

Regional meetings would be held by the Master Instructors to assure NWSA instructors are informed of the newest course revisions and requirements and would incorporating updates to all required courses and materials.

Master Instructors will provide continuing educational workshops ensuring quality training for the certified Instructors. This is a crucial element to satisfy the directive of the 2006 Office of the Interior General (OIG) Report No. 08601-42-SF that states that involved government agencies need to improve the private responders training and certification to assure qualified responders increase the probability of safe operations during deployment.

Organizational control remains paramount with instructional communications and the insurance that instructions are utilized by multiple instructional strategies. Assembling an incredibly strong cadre of experts in all areas of managing a service for local community and NWSA companies’ responders to identify trouble spots, providing preventative measures to secure the homeland in the future is the aim of the Master Instructor.

8. The purpose of the project is to insure the monitoring of NWSA Instructors and approved NWCG and DHS courses and to improve the quality of instruction to responders.

Well trained responders are more efficient and effective in accomplishing their assignment which results in less accidents and fatalities of responders driving down the costs of incorrect actions that would otherwise thwart response teams thus proving a valuable use of taxpayer funds.

The largest concentration of private emergency responders and companies are located in the Pacific Northwest. Improvement of the private resources will insure the continued use and employment of these resources in the future.

9. No

10. Amount requested for this project is \$371,200

11. Breakdown of cost items:

- Salary of four (4) Master Performer Instructors and part time clerical staff support = \$278,500
- Travel expenses of Master Performer Instructors = \$62,000
- Four (4) lap top computers = \$2800
- Training materials = \$17,000
- Copy machine maintenance, paper and supplies = \$5500
- Training audio/visual training equipment = \$5400

12. Total Cost = \$371,200

13. The project is totally scalable. The cost of each Master Performer Instructor module is \$92,000 (\$371,200 divided by four (4).) For example, if only half of the total requested funding was available, only half of the instructor and course monitoring and Instructor training would be accomplished.

14. None

15. Member agencies of the Pacific Northwest Coordination Group: US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Association of Fire Chiefs and Oregon Fire Chiefs Association